



Anthony Ray Boner

September 17, 1960 - December 9, 2020

Anthony (Tony) Ray Boner (60 years of age) passed into Heaven at 10:23 AM on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at Southgate Nursing Facility in Metropolis, Illinois. Tony was born September 17, 1960 at the (old) Marion Memorial Hospital in Marion, Illinois to Raymond S. and Allene (Sloan) Boner, who are both deceased. Tony was born with Down Syndrome.

Tony had two sisters; Dorothy (Bob) Taylor and Elaine (Jerry) Jackson who are both deceased; one aunt Barbara (Ronald) who survives; one brother Ronnie Hileman who survives.

Survivors are: Two nieces; Kelly Elaine Jackson and Dr. Kindra (John) Rae Grimes. He had three nephews; Dean and Don (Jackie) Hileman and Keith (Elizabeth) Jackson who survive. He had seven great nephews; Josiah (Celia), Elias, Jaden, and Kirk and Rudy Jackson, Samuel and Nicolas Grimes. He had three great nieces: Kayla, Kira, and Millie Jackson.

Tony attended JAMP (Johnson, Alexander, Massac, & Pope) schools until he reached 21 years of age. He then moved in 1982 to Lafayette, Indiana to live with his sister Elaine's family until Elaine and his illnesses required him to have 24/7 care in 2014. While living and moving with Elaine and family he attended workshops in the different locations (Lafayette, IN and Abilene TX) which he enjoyed. He loved traveling and went with the Jackson Family on many summer vacations.

Tony loved people, all people; pure love, unfettered by prejudices or biases. He loved Church and sang along in his unique style. He loved to hug people.

He loved music and the best Christmas or birthday present would be a radio or music tape. He had rhythm and was a skilled dancer and when he visited his dad they would go to dances and he would be asked to dance. He never lost his temper but would get stubborn when asked to do something he did not want to do. He was very sensitive and when one of the Jackson kids were sad, he would also be sad to the point of tears.

Tony never reached the accountability stage that many children do where they know right from wrong; an innocent. He was an influence and taught everyone that knew him something good. Always had a smile on his face and when he would meet people for the first or fifty time he would greet them like it was his long lost friend.

Christians never have to say good-bye, just see you later. He is with Christ Jesus. We will see him again. He will speak clearly and without the difficulty that he had here on earth. No more suffering and pain; rest in peace, brother! A celebration of Tony's life will be held Sunday, May 30, 2021, at 1:30 PM in the sanctuary of Simpson Baptist Church. Prior to the service, a carry-in luncheon will be held in the Art Murrie Resource Center at Simpson Baptist Church. This meal and fellowship will follow the Sunday morning worship service.

Cemetery Details

Webb Cemetery

Webb Cemetery Lane
Tunnel Hill, IL

Previous Events

Luncheon

MAY 30. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Simpson Baptist Church
7095 Illinois 147
Simpson, IL 62985

Celebration of Life

MAY 30. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Anthony Ray Boner

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Anthony Ray Boner



Bobby Rentfro - January 10, 2021 at 02:22 AM



“ Jane Ross Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Anthony Ray Boner



Jane Ross Wright - December 13, 2020 at 01:14 PM



Praying God comfort you all at this time.

Jane Ross Wright - December 13, 2020 at 01:15 PM



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Jane Ross Wright - December 13, 2020 at 01:16 PM

KG

“ *Kenny And Sue Goddard lit a candle in memory of Anthony Ray Boner*



Kenny and sue Goddard - December 12, 2020 at 11:54 PM

SV

“ *Shari Verkey lit a candle in memory of Anthony Ray Boner*



Shari Verkey - December 12, 2020 at 02:23 PM

PS

“ *Patricia Sexton lit a candle in memory of Anthony Ray Boner*



Patricia Sexton - December 11, 2020 at 08:25 PM

RJ

“ *Roger & Debbie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Anthony Ray Boner*



roger & debbie johnson - December 10, 2020 at 05:43 PM

MP

“ So sorry to hear about Tony. He was such a gentle soul. I still remember being at his house when I was 6 years old and he took me to his room to dance with him in front of a mirror! He will be missed.



Matthew, Jenny, Katie, and CJ Prewitt - December 10, 2020 at 01:47 PM

DP

“ Davis And Pat Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Anthony Ray Boner



Davis and Pat Prewitt - December 10, 2020 at 10:32 AM

EH

“ Ernie Henshaw lit a candle in memory of Anthony Ray Boner



Ernie Henshaw - December 10, 2020 at 09:30 AM

LC

“ Jerry,
Very sorry to hear this sad news. You and your family are in my prayers.

Larry Choate - December 10, 2020 at 08:54 AM

NB

“ *Nancy Breeden lit a candle in memory of Anthony Ray Boner*



Nancy Breeden - December 09, 2020 at 10:22 PM

KB

“ *Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Anthony Ray Boner*



Karen Brumley - December 09, 2020 at 09:22 PM



“ *I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. I always enjoyed Tony from our visits in each other's homes when we were children. Heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends!*

DEBBIE HORN - December 09, 2020 at 08:38 PM